

Reservation.

reserves the right to tax the property of this corporation, and to amend or repeal this charter at any time hereafter.

Approved March 30, 1868.

CHAPTER 290.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, from the ruinous and desolating effects of the late terrible war, the people of our Southern Sister States are still in a most impoverished and suffering condition, many of them without the necessaries of life, and not a few reduced to starvation for the want of food ; and whereas there is a deep and abiding feeling in the hearts of all true Marylanders which demands of this General Assembly a recognition of their claims to our sympathies and regards; and whereas the ladies of our City of Baltimore, as well as of every portion of our good old State, have, in their devices to afford them relief, developed the highest attributes of their sex, and discovered not only a capacity to sympathize with their sufferings, but to do and administer the trusts confided to their care ; and whereas we have the fullest confidence that moneys placed in their hands will be most advantageously used to carry out our wishes and secure the largest possible alleviation of the sufferings of our brothers and sisters of the South, therefore,

Thank offering.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That as a thank offering for the many blessings we have received, and for our exemption from the severe afflictions with which the States of the South have been visited, that we appropriate and set aside the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid to the ladies of the City of Baltimore, to be by them disbursed in such manner as shall best secure the largest amount of relief to the suffering people, and especially the suffering females of the South.